St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Section Map: Highway 8 to Marine on St. Croix



This section map provides information for the 18.3 mile section of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway between Highway 8, and Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota. For specific information on water levels, area outfitters, or to speak with a park ranger, contact the St. Croix Visitor Center, P.O. Box 708, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, (715) 483-3284, ext. 638. Or look up information on the Riverway website: www.nps.gov/sacn. Additional handouts describing canoeing and camping within the Riverway are available at Riverway centers or download handouts from the Riverway website.

For Your Safety

Water Levels

The water level between Highway 8 and Marine on St. Croix can fluctuate greatly, but is generally good for canoeing the main channel. Power boating is limited to slow speeds.

Hazards

Overhanging trees that have fallen into the water, and bridge piers, can overturn a canoe and trap canoers underwater. Be alert. Your waterfilled canoe can pin you against obstacles.

Life Jackets

Wearable personal floatation devices (PFDs) are required onboard for <u>each</u> person.

Children under 13 years of age must wear a properly fitting PFD when your vessel is moving. Vessels include motor boats, canoes and kayaks.

Jet Skis

Jet ski use is prohibited on this stretch of river.

Parking

Lock your vehicle and take valuables with you. Obey parking signs and do not block landings.

Ticks

Ticks are found along the Riverway. Learn the symptoms for Lyme disease. Bring repellent for ticks and mosquitoes.

Drinking Water

Tap drinking water is provided at some landings. See the map on reverse side for locations. River water must be treated. Purify water by heating it to a rolling boil for at least I minute. Portable water filters are less reliable. For best tasting water, bring your own.

Poison Ivy

The three, shiny, large-toothed leaves of poison ivy are common at wood's edge. Avoid touching this plant.

Protect Your Riverway

Trash

Carry out all trash. Bring a trash bag. Do not dispose of trash in toilets or fire rings.

Glass Containers

Glass beverage containers are prohibited at the Riverway.

Restrooms

Primitive toilets are available at campsites and landings. If toilets are not available, bury human waste 6 inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from the river, trails and campsites.

Mussels

Mussels, also known as freshwater clams, and their empty shells are protected. Some species are endangered. Please do not disturb them.

Erosion

Help prevent riverbank erosion. Sand banks are fragile and often are turtle nesting sites. Please keep off.

Camping

Primitive campsites are available on a first come, first served basis on the Riverway. There is a seven night limit. Please read the National Park Service handout titled "Camping" for more information.

Fires

Use a stove for cooking. You may collect dead and down wood for campfires, except from islands. Build fires only in metal fire rings. Campfires should be out and cold before you leave.

